

REMARKS

Claims 24-65 are pending in the application.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments claims 25, 36, 47 and 57 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. The subjection matter previously claimed in claim 25 has been incorporated in to claim 25; the subjection matter previously claimed in claim 36 has been incorporated in to claim 35; the subjection matter previously claimed in claim 47 has been incorporated in to claim 46; and the subjection matter previously claimed in claim 57 has been incorporated in to claim 56.

Claims 27, 28, 39, 40, 50, 51, 60, 61 and 65 have been amended to be conformance with the amendments to claims 25, 36, 47 and 57.

The amendments do not add any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. Therefore entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY OF THE REQUEST

The Examiner has requested information required which the Examiner has deemed reasonably necessary to examine the application. Specifically, the Examiner has required:

1. A listing of the polymers that are capable of meeting the claimed criteria having
 - a. A conservation modulus of G' and loss modulus G'' such that $G' < G''$ for frequencies below 0.3 Hz, $G' > G''$ for frequencies higher than 3 Hz and the curves representing G' and G'' as a function of frequency intersect at a frequency value between 0.3 and 3 Hz; and
 - b. A dynamic viscosity of between 4,000 and 10, 000 Pa.s
2. The product specification data for SGM 36 detailed in the instant specification, since based upon an internet search, the product specification data sheet is not readily available.

RESPONSE

Applicants respectfully submit that the information required to be submitted is unknown to or is not readily available to the Applicants. Specifically, it is not known party or parties pertinent to this application every polymer that may be capable of meeting the claimed criteria. Applicants have therefore amended the claims to the specific dimethiconol used in the Example and marketed under the name SGM-36; this dimethiconol has a viscosity of 6400 Pa.s at 25°C. See, specification at page 5, lines 23-25 and at page 10, as well as Fig. 2.. Applicant has been able to also obtain the molecular weight of this dimethiconol, which is 500,000.

CONCLUSION

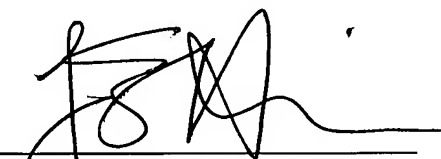
Based upon the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the requirements of claim restriction and examine all pending claims in the application on their merits.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcomed to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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